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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF
BERNARD BERG FOR IVP GRANT. WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
BERG REQUESTED REFTEL IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. IN ADDITION TO BERG, EMBASSY REQUESTS ONE ADDITIONAL
IVP GRANT FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR. A NUMBER OF LUXEMBOURG
JOURNALISTS, PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OTHER LEADERS PLAN TO
VISIT NEW YORK THIS FALL WHEN PRIME MINISTER THORN IS
PRESIDENT OF THE 30TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE WOULD LIKE
TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN THE U.S. TO OFFER
SEVERAL PARTIAL GRANTS EQUIVALENT TO ONE FULL GRANT.
FOR EXAMPLE, MR. CAMILLE MONTAIGU, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE
LUXEMBOURG EDITION OF THE REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN, WILL MAKE HIS
FIRST VISIT TO THE U.S. TO COVER OPENING CEREMONIES AND
INITIAL PHASE OF THORN'S PRESIDENCY. MONTAIGU IS AN
OUTSTANDING JOURNALIST OF INCREASING INFLUENCE AND IMPORTANCE
IN LUXEMBOURG POLITICAL CIRCLES. IT WOULD BE IDEAL TO OFFER
HIM TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS OF INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL AND
PER DIEM FOLLOWING HIS STAY IN NEW YORK. WE ANTICIPATE
SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES WHEN THE COMPLETE DELEGATION
ACCOMPANYING THORN IS KNOWN.

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3. IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES TO AN ADDITIONAL IVP GRANT FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR TO FUND TWO OR THREE PARTIAL GRANTS, WE WILL SUBMIT SPECIFIC NOMINATIONS WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. ALL TRAVEL FOR THE PARTIAL GRANTS WOULD BE DURING MID-SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 1975.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF PARTIAL GRANTS WITH CANDIDATES BETWEEN NOW AND EARLY SEPTEMBER. PHILLIPS

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